



# City of Mountain View Newsletter

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Volume 13, Number 3

## New Senior Center Taking Shape

Construction continues on the City’s new 25,000 square foot Senior Center located at 266 Escuela Avenue. The building frame is complete, and work continues on the roof and other major building components. The new building will feature a social hall that can provide banquet-style seating for up to 200 people, full kitchen, game room, exercise room, computer room, and multipurpose rooms for classes and other activities.

Behind the new building, the interim Senior Center continues to offer a full range of programs and services, including the noontime nutrition program. The interim Senior Center will be closed late this summer for about two months while the temporary building is removed from the site. During this period, the lunchtime nutrition program will be offered



across Rengstorff Park at the Community Center, along with limited senior programs. Full Senior Center programming will resume in the new building in the fall, while the final construction activities are completed on the site.

The Avenidas Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center, which opened late last year, will continue to operate on the site throughout the Senior Center construction.

For more information about construction of the Senior Center, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

## Donate to Celebrate the New Senior Center

The City Council has approved a donation program that allows community members from all income levels and generations to recognize or memorialize family members or friends through a contribution to the new Senior Center project.

### DONOR BOARD

The new Senior Center facility will feature a donor board recognizing financial contributions of \$25 or more. Recognitions will be differentiated based on the amount of the contribution received.

In order to be included on the donor board when the new Senior Center is dedicated, please submit a completed application form (see page 3) along with a check or money order to the City by June 30, 2006. Requests and donations submitted after the deadline will be added to the donor board, but may not be in place in time for the dedication.

### LANDSCAPING DONATIONS

At the request of donors making a financial contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Senior Center, an appropriately sized and designed recognition plaque or marker can be

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## Annual Parade Marches Down Castro on April 22

Join friends and neighbors for Mountain View’s 28th Annual Downtown Spring Family Parade on Saturday, April 22, 2006 on Castro Street. The parade begins at 12 noon, rain or shine. The parade’s theme this year is *Disco Days Are Here Again!*, with music and costumes designed to take everyone back to the 70s.

Stay after the parade and enjoy special activities in Pioneer Park, located directly behind City Hall at 500 Castro Street. You’ll find children’s activities, music, food and entertainment.

Applications to participate in the parade are available at the Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on the City’s web site at: [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). The deadline for applications is March 31, 2006.

For more information, contact the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331. ●



## Google to Provide Free Wireless Internet Service

By June, no-cost wireless Internet (WiFi) services will be available to most areas of the City as a benefit of a five-year agreement the City has entered into with Google, Inc., the Internet search engine company headquartered in Mountain View.

The City has authorized Google to place wireless transmitters on City-owned streetlight poles throughout the City to create one of the first City-wide no-cost WiFi networks in the country. The network will serve as a demonstration project, allowing Google to determine the cost and ease of building and supporting such networks in other cities and countries in the future. In addition, it will allow Google to test new location-based applications and services that enable people to find relevant information exactly when and where they need it.

Initially, the Google WiFi network will cover approximately the 80 to 90 percent of the City it can serve through transmitters attached to City streetlight poles. Google will extend its service area to more areas in the City once it obtains permission from PG&E to place transmitter units on utility/streetlight poles owned by the utility in other areas of the city.

In order for WiFi users to get a stronger signal inside their homes or offices, they will need to purchase consumer premise equipment (CPE) that is available from local retailers or on the Internet for \$50 to \$100.

In addition to providing no-cost WiFi service in the City, the agreement with Google calls for Google paying the City an annual fee for use of the City’s streetlight poles. Google has also agreed to equip the City’s Library and the new mobile Library services vehicle with mobile wireless equipment (see page 3).

Information on how to connect to Google WiFi and to purchase the CPEs for in-home access will soon be available on the City and Google websites. ●

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## Bike to Work Day on May 18

Join the City of Mountain View in celebrating Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 18, 2006. The purpose of Bike to Work Day is to encourage commuters to try biking to work instead of driving, in an effort to relieve traffic congestion and ease motor vehicle emissions. To learn more about Bike to Work Day, log onto [www.511.org](http://www.511.org). ●

## Highway 101 Improvements Update

Work on the \$142-million project by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Caltrans to make improvements to four major interchanges along Highway 101 in Mountain View remains on schedule for a May 2006 completion date.

Changes are being made to interchanges at Moffett Boulevard, Old Middlefield Way, Shoreline Boulevard and Route 85. Recent work on the project includes:

- Completion of southbound U.S. 101 to southbound Route 85 ramps.
- Completion of northbound Route 85 to northbound U.S. 101 connector ramp.
- Near-completion of Shoreline Boulevard interchange.
- Work on the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane direct connector ramp.

The City is working with the VTA to help mitigate the impacts of the construction on motorists and residents. The VTA provides commuters and residents with construction updates through radio announcements, notices to affected businesses and property owners, roadway signs, and information on their web site at [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org). Information is also available by calling the Mountain View Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

## New Pedestrian Overcrossing of Highway 101

Design work is currently underway for a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge spanning Highway 101 just north of the Old Middlefield Way exit. The overcrossing will extend the Permanente Creek Trail, which currently runs from Shoreline Park to the northside of Highway 101 to areas of the City south and west of the freeway. A traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Old Middlefield Road and Spring Street to make crossing the street easier for Trail users.

Construction on the project is scheduled to begin this summer, with completion of the overcrossing slated for summer 2007. For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

## Stevens Creek Trail Update

The City is currently designing the next phase of the Stevens Creek Trail from Yuba Drive under El Camino Real. This phase of the project will extend the Trail from the current trailhead at Yuba Drive to the south side of El Camino Real via the construction of an underpass structure under El Camino Real and provide residents south of El Camino Real with easy access to the Trail. The City also recently purchased property at the end of Yuba Drive to improve the Yuba Drive trailhead and the alignment of the Trail extension. Construction of the Trail extension is targeted to begin this fall.

The Stevens Creek Trail is a bike and pedestrian path that runs along Stevens Creek in Mountain View and is part of a larger network of trails throughout the Bay Area. When finished, the trail in Mountain View will stretch from Mountain View High School to the Bay.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

## Plans for Former Mayfield Site Move Forward

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposal to build approximately 580 housing units on the former site of Mayfield Mall at Central Expressway and San Antonio Road was completed this past December. The EIR is an informational document, which the City Council will use to help decide whether to zone the site for housing.

The EIR included detailed information on the potential environmental impacts (e.g., traffic, noise, schools, air quality, archeology, etc.) of the proposed housing development. The document also identified ways that the impacts can be mitigated. Persons interested in the project were able to review and comment on the document during a 45-day review period that ended on January 31. Two public hearings regarding the draft document were also held by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) in January.

The next step in the environmental review process will be the preparation of written responses to all questions and comments received. These responses will be included in the Final EIR document. Additionally, a revised draft of the Mayfield Precise Plan is being prepared in order to allow proper zoning for housing on the site.

Once the Final EIR and the Draft Precise Plan are complete, the Environmental Planning Commission will hold public hearings to gather additional public input. Then, the Commission's recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council for final action.

For more information on the Mayfield project, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●

## California/Bryant Street Parking Structure Update

Construction continues on the City's new parking structure at the northeast corner of California and Bryant Streets. The four-story, five-level structure will include approximately 400 parking spaces. A Longs Drugs will be located in the structure's first floor retail space on California Street.

During construction, 2-hour and permit parking are provided at the City-owned parking lot on the northwest corner of Bryant and Mercy Streets. Construction of the parking structure is scheduled for completion in late 2006.

For more information, call Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

### MOUNTAIN VIEW CITYGRAM

How are we doing? Feedback from you is very important to us. Curious about a City service or program? Have an idea you'd like to share? Know a City employee who did a particularly good job? The City Manager's Office would like to hear from you. Send your remarks on a Citygram and you will receive a prompt response from the appropriate City department.

Thank you for your comments.

Send your comments to the Mountain View City Manager's Office, Post Office Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039

NAMEDATE

ADDRESSZIP CODE

DAYTIME PHONEEMAIL ADDRESS

I WOULD LIKE A REPLY: ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ by email ☐ no reply necessary

For City Staff use:

The View

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#### City web page

[www.ci.mtnview.ca.us](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us) or [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

#### City Mission Statement

The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.

A limited supply of extra copies of The View is available at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, and the Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue. The View is printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper.



# Senior Center Offers Valuable Programs

The Mountain View Senior Center provides a convenient single location for seniors to participate in or learn more about programs and services offered by the City and other agencies that have a direct and beneficial impact on the quality of their lives on a daily basis. Programs and services offered at the Senior Center include:

- A daily nutrition program offered by the Community Services Agency of Mountain View-Los Altos (CSA).
- Health screening.
- The Second Harvest Food Bank’s Brown Bag Program.
- Senior Adult Legal Services Program.
- Medical insurance, long-term care, Medicaid and Medigap counseling provided by the Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program.
- Counseling provided by CSA case workers.
- Workshops and presentations on topics of interest to seniors.
- Classes offered by both Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education and Foothill-DeAnza College.
- Entertainment and social opportunities (day and overnight trips, a game room with billiards and ping-pong tables, holiday and events programming, dances).
- Tax preparation assistance provided by the American Association of Retired People (AARP).

For more information about programming at the Senior Center, find the Senior Center page in the enclosed *Recreation – A Guide for Our Community*, call the Center at (650) 903-6330, or logon to [http://www.mountainview.gov/citydepts/cs/rec/senior\\_center.htm](http://www.mountainview.gov/citydepts/cs/rec/senior_center.htm). ●

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included as part of a tree or bench installation at the Center in lieu of recognition on the Center’s donor board.

In order to have a recognition plaque or marker installed in time for the dedication of the new Senior Center, please submit your request in writing to the City by June 30, 2006. Recognition plaques or markers for donations submitted after the deadline will be installed at a later date.

Persons wishing to be recognized on the Senior Center’s donor board or make a landscaping donation should mail a completed application or written request along with a check or money order payable to City of Mountain View to:

Mountain View Senior Center,  
c/o Lauren Merriman, City of Mountain View,  
PO Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039-7540

Requests and donations may also be submitted in person at the interim Senior Center.

For more information, contact Michele Petersen at the Mountain View Senior Center at (650) 903-6330. ●

# Arbor Day Celebration on March 11

Pioneer Park, located between City Hall and the Mountain View Public Library, will be the site for this year’s Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, March 11. Festivities begin at 10:15 a.m. with a reading program in the Mountain View Public Library and continue in the Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with a tree planting ceremony at 11:15 a.m.

Enjoy free activities and refreshments, including children’s arts and crafts, face painting, a guided tree walk within Pioneer Park, a climbing demonstration by the City of Mountain View’s expert tree crew, and a complimentary hot dog and drink. Listen to the lively bluegrass music while browsing information booths to learn more about trees, composting, recycling and more.

Bring your old mercury thermometers to the Santa Clara County Mercury Recycling Team’s booth and receive a new one to help preserve our environment.

Arbor Day will be celebrated rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. ●

# City Exploring Options for more Parks and Open Space

In addition to the improvements being made to the Stevens Creek Trail (see page 2) and the new playing fields being built above the underground reservoir at Graham Middle School (see above), the City is involved in several other initiatives to increase the amount of parks and open space in the community. These efforts include:

- Completing the design work and awarding a construction contract for a **new mini-park on Devonshire Avenue** in the Evandale neighborhood. Park construction should be completed before the end of the year. Contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 for more information. The recent purchase of property next to the park will allow the 1/2-acre mini-park to be expanded to almost 3/4 acres in the future.
- Initiating a master planning process for the **Cuesta Park Annex** site. The process will focus on open space and recreational uses for the site and will provide opportunities for broad public input and participation in the planning discussion. At the time this issue of *The View* was going to print, the tasks and schedule for the master planning process were still under development. Contact the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301 for more information.
- Investigating the feasibility of adding a third **community garden** in Mountain View. Two workshops have been held to identify potential sites and develop a construction and operating budget. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331.
- Completing an evaluation of City properties for potential use as additional **athletic field sites**. A site in Shoreline at Mountain View Park and one at Whisman Park/School have been identified as potential sites for the development of nonoverlapping athletic fields. For more information contact the Community Services Department at (650) 903-6331. ●

# New Mobile Library Services Vehicle

The Mountain View Public Library has purchased a new mobile library vehicle with grant funding it received from Google, Inc. The 27-foot long, light blue, state-of-the art vehicle is equipped with computer stations and wireless Internet access, and will carry approximately 2,200 materials available for check out.

Initial service will be limited to preschools, senior living facilities, and corporate business stops. Materials will include the latest books, CDs, and DVDs. Story times will be offered at preschool stops. Look for the vehicle in the Spring Parade this April.

Mobile Library service is part of the Library’s outreach program, which provides library service throughout the community. For more information about Outreach Services, please call the Mountain View Public Library at (650) 903-6337. ●

# Graham Reservoir/ Playfield Construction Update

The Graham Reservoir/Playfield project has moved into its final phase with work scheduled to begin this month on the construction of an all-weather regulation track and field, a soccer/football field, a soccer field, a base-ball/softball field, basketball and volleyball courts, a rest-room and equipment storage facilities at Graham Middle School above a new 8-million gallon underground reservoir the City has built on the school site.

The construction of the reservoir and playing fields is a joint project between the City of Mountain View and the Mountain View-Whisman School District. In exchange for the City building and maintaining the reservoir and playing fields, the school district will make the fields available for community use during nonschool hours.

The playing fields and other facilities are expected to be ready for community and school use this fall.

For more information, call the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. ●

SENIOR CENTER DONOR BOARD APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out this form completely. Submit this form along with your donation before June 30, 2006 to ensure your name will be included on the donor board when the new Senior Center is dedicated. Each donor recognition can accommodate a maximum of three rows of 22 characters.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Use the above boxes for text for row 1 (count spaces between words)

Use the above boxes for text for row 2 (count spaces between words)

Use the above boxes for text for row 3 (count spaces between words)

A black and white photograph of a white mobile library vehicle. The side of the vehicle features the text "city of MOUNTAIN VIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY" at the top. Below that, it says "The Library links the community." with a small graphic of a book. To the right, it says "watch grow listen learn". At the bottom, the word "Read" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The vehicle is parked outdoors with trees in the background.

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# Connecting with your community

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Rae Blasquez, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at (650) 903-6607 or visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) to download a volunteer application.

## Current Volunteer Opportunities

### Deer Hollow Farm

**School Year Teaching Docents**—Teaching Docents are needed for the school year. Free training is provided. For more information and to reserve your space for training, call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430.

### Library

**Children's Services**—Assist with sorting and shelving of books, videos, CDs, cassettes, books on tape and various other tasks. Must be at least 13 years old. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or [maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov](mailto:maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov).

**Circulation Services**—Assist with sorting and shelving of videos and DVDs in the Adult Media section of the Library. Hours are very flexible. For more information, contact Maynard Martinez at (650) 526-7043 or [maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov](mailto:maynard.martinez@mountainview.gov).

### Center for Performing Arts

**Ushers**—Volunteers are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, April 10 and Monday, April 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or [jennifer@mvcpa.com](mailto:jennifer@mvcpa.com).

**Office Assistant**—Help is needed in the Center's office 10 hours a week during business hours. Skills required include word-processing, spreadsheet manipulation, data entry, filing and general office duties. Work hours are flexible but regular. For more information, contact Jennifer Stokely at (650) 903-6568 or [jennifer@mvcpa.com](mailto:jennifer@mvcpa.com).

### Community Development

**Mediators**—Volunteer mediators are needed to help resolve rental housing, neighborhood, consumer, workplace and person-to-person disputes. Volunteers must successfully complete a 5-day training course to learn mediation skills and conflict resolution techniques. Applicants must live, work or own property in Mountain View. For more information and to obtain an application, call the Mediation Office at (650) 960-0495. The deadline for applications is April 12, 2006.

### Police Department

**Outreach Assistant**—Provide assistance to the Department's outreach unit by educating false alarm violators, providing assistance to Neighborhood and Business Watch programs, and serving as an outreach and resource liaison. This position requires working in the field, operating Department vehicles and completing a training course. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and older and pass a background investigation. Contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or email [PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us).

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## Calendar of Events

### March

- 1 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 2 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 7 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 8 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission,** 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 8 Condominium and Homeowner Rights and Responsibilities Workshop,** Presented by Project Sentinel and the Mountain View Mediation Program, 6:30 p.m. Auditorium, Police Services and Fire Administration Building, 1000 Villa Street. Call (650) 960-0495 for more information.
- 10 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 Arbor Day Celebration,** Pioneer Park, 10:15 a.m.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 15 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 18 Home Composting Workshop,** 10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 20 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 24 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 28 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 29 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 31 28th Annual Downtown Spring Parade application deadline.** See story on Page 1.

**CC Council Chambers,** City Hall  
**PCR Plaza Conference Room,** City Hall  
**ACR Atrium Conference Room,** City Hall

All dates are subject to change. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.

## City-Wide Garage and Community Yard Sale Events Scheduled for May 13

Don't miss two opportunities to shop for or sell used items in May. Both events are held on Saturday, May 13, rain or shine. The registration deadline for each event is Friday, April 21 and forms are available at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

### City-Wide Garage Sale

Hold a garage sale at your home as part of a City-wide event on Saturday, May 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Maps of participating homes will be available for shoppers at local coffee houses and in the *Mountain View Voice* on Friday, May 12. Call the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Section at (650) 903-6311 for more information.

### Community Yard Sale at Rengstorff Park

Join friends and neighbors in Rengstorff Park on Saturday, May 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for hot bargains and good food. Register early because space is limited. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information. ●



### April

- 5 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 6 Human Relations Commission,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 7 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 8 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 11 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 12 Visual Arts Committee,** 6:00 p.m., ACR
- Parks and Recreation Commission,** 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 15 Home Composting Workshop,** 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
- 15 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 17 Library Board,** 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 19 Environmental Planning Commission,** 7:00 p.m., CC
- 21 City-Wide Garage Sale and Community Yard Sale** registration deadline. See story below.
- 22 28th Annual Downtown Parade,** begins at 12:00 noon on Castro Street. A celebration in Pioneer Park follows the parade.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Santa Clara.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 25 City Council,** 6:30 p.m., CC
- 26 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee,** 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 29 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Los Altos.** Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.

## City Recognized by the Sierra Club as “Solar Friendly”

The City of Mountain View has been recognized by the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club for its “leadership role in promoting a clean and secure energy future for the residents of Mountain View and Silicon Valley,” by offering a streamlined permit system and charging low fees for energy-saving equipment installations.

For more information about the City's permit and fee policies for renewable energy installations, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



May

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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
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Human Relations Commission, 6:30 p.m., PCR
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City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 10

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
- 12

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
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Community Yard Sale, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Rengstorff Park, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue

City-Wide Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
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Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 20

Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
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City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 29

Memorial Day holiday. City offices closed.
- 31

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR

June

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Human Relations Commission, 6:30 p.m., PCR
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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
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Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in San Jose. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
- 13

City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 14

Library Family Picnic, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Park behind the Library, 585 Franklin Street

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Sunnyvale. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
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Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street

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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 24

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in Milpitas. Call (408) 299-7300 for an appointment.
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City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 28

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR
- 30

Senior Center Donor Board/Landscape Donation application deadline. (See page 3.)

July

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Independence Day holiday. City offices closed.
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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
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Human Relations Commission, 6:30 p.m., PCR
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Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Police/Fire Administration Building Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
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City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 12

Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC (tentative)
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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
- 26

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR

August

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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
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Visual Arts Committee, 6:00 p.m., ACR

Parks and Recreation Commission, 7:00 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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Home Composting Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Police/Fire Administration Building Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street. Call (408) 918-4640 to register.
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Environmental Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., CC
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Library Board, 7:30 p.m., Library Community Room, 585 Franklin Street
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City Council, 6:30 p.m., CC
- 30

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., PCR

Free Children’s Theater in the Park

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View, presents free children’s theater productions this summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

See fairy tales and other children’s stories on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from June 30 through August 18. Each week features a different 30-45 minute production. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center’s outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

June 30	The Wizard of Oz
July 7	On the Tip of My Tongue
July 14	Witches, Britches, Rings and Things
July 21	Hansel & Gretel
July 28	Peter Rabbit & Friends
August 4	The Golden Goose
August 11	The Dancing Spider
August 18	Pippi Longstocking

The performers are students (ages 6 -13) enrolled in PYT’s popular Children’s Theater in the Park summer drama camps. Check the enclosed *Recreation–A Guide for Our Community* for information on how to register your child for a camp.

For more information, call the Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit [mvcpa.com](#).



VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM

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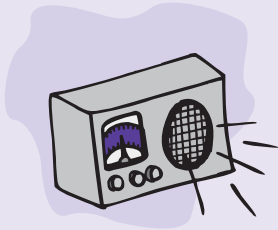
Police Department, continued

**Various**—Volunteers are needed as Home Security Inspectors to provide inspections at residences or as Mobile Radar Trailer Deployment workers to set up and pick up radar trailers. Training provided. Also, volunteers who can speak another language are needed as VIP Interpreters to assist investigating officers with both oral and written communication. Contact Don Palermo at (650) 903-6749 or email [PDVolunteers@ci.mtnview.ca.us](#).

Fire Department

**Various**—Assist with conducting Community Emergency Response Team training for the community. Volunteers are also needed for creating new display boards and organizing public education materials and special projects. Contact the Volunteer Office at (650) 903-6607.

**Amateur Radio**—Amateur radio operators are needed to assist the Fire Department during disasters. Members must supply their own radios. For more information, call Lynn Brown, Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.



Shoreline at Mountain View Park

**Gatehouse and Patrol Rangers**—Volunteer Rangers are needed to greet visitors and provide visitor information for Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park and Stevens Creek Trail. Patrol rangers also walk trails, assist visitors with information and keep trails clear of litter. All volunteers are provided with training and a uniform. Volunteers must be age 18 or older. Trails are open seven days a week and hours are flexible. For more information, contact Hilary Holeman at (650) 903-6073 or [hilary.holeman@mountainview.gov](#).

**Rengstorff House Education and Garden Docents**—Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and provide tours and visitor information about the historic Rengstorff House in three-hour shifts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Rengstorff House garden, planting and maintaining flowers and making floral arrangements. Training is provided for all docents. For more information, contact Hilary Holeman at (650) 903-6073 or [hilary.holeman@mountainview.gov](#).

Recreation

**Leaders In Training Program**—Volunteers between the age of 13 and 15 are needed to assist Recreation Leaders with summer day camps. Pick up an application at the Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Avenue starting in March 2006. Applications are due by Friday, April 28, at 5:00 p. m. For more information, call Cynthia Spinella at (650) 903-6410.

**Junior Lifeguards**—Youth volunteers are needed to assist swim instructors with swim lessons. All applicants are required to complete a Water Safety Instructor Aide course before starting their assignment. The summer program runs in 4 two-week sessions beginning June 26, 2006. Minimum age is 13. For more information, contact Allison Peterson at (650) 903-6405 or [allison.peterson@mountainview.gov](#).

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade

**Special Event**—Volunteers are needed to help at the 28th Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 22. Help set up, decorations, face painting, game booths or work as a block monitor. To sign up, call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

These are just a few ways that you can get involved. If you have an idea, or special skill or talent to offer, or want to join our TEAM, please call the Volunteer Services Office today at (650) 903-6607.

# Free Summer Programs at the Library

The Mountain View Library offers a variety of free summer programs for young people of all ages and their families this summer. Programs begin in mid-June and run through mid-August.

## Summer Reading Programs

*For Readers Through Grade 5*  
*Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!*, with artwork by popular illustrator David Shannon. Readers set their own goals and receive prizes for their accomplishments.

*For Teens*  
*Creature Feature @ Your Library*, designed by Russell Walks. Readers set their own goals and receive prizes for their accomplishments.

*For Families*  
Reading Families, a program for preschoolers who listen to stories, as well as their parents and siblings.

*For Grades 3 and Up*  
Librology, an original Mountain View reading and research game played July 3–31.

## Summer Drop-in Programs

*Annual Family Picnic*  
Wednesday, June 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park (behind the Library). The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake for dessert followed by a surprise performer and program sign-ups.

*For Grades K through 5*  
Talers, Thursdays 2:30-3:15 p.m. Weekly programs with special performers. Includes storytellers, puppeteers, live animals, musicians and magic. (June 15–August 10).

*For Ages 2-5*  
Sing a Summer Song, Tuesdays 10:15–11:00 a.m. Weekly programs with musical guests. (July 11–August 1).

For a detailed schedule of summer Library activities, visit the Library’s website at <http://library.ci.mtnview.ca.us> after May 1 or call Children’s Services at (650) 903-6897. ●



## LIBRARY BOOK CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Book Views, Mountain View Library’s community book club, invites readers to share in the discussion of a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction books. The club meets one Wednesday evening each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Library, located at 585 Franklin Street. For more information, call the Library at (650) 903-6337.

New members are welcome to join at any time. Upcoming book selections include:

**March 29**  
*Stranger in a Strange Land*, by Robert Heinlein

**April 26**  
National Poetry Month: Share your favorite poems

**May 24**  
*The Samurai’s Garden*, by Gail Tsukiyama

**June 28**  
*The Rotters’ Club*, by Jonathan Coe

**July 26**  
*Blindness*, by Jose Saramago

**August 23**  
*The Age of Innocence*, by Edith Wharton

# Free Community Police Academy and Other Programs

The Mountain View Police Department offers a variety of educational programs for the community, ranging from courses on police training and procedure to classes in business and personal security. Each offering is free and open to the public, but requires registration.

For more information and to register, contact the Police Department’s website at [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov) or call the activity line at (650) 903-6161 ext. 1395.

## Community Police Academy Opportunities

Four different Community Police Academies are designed to give community members an inside look police operations. Each academy includes a series of classes and activities.

**March 23–May 18**  
◆ **Traditional Community Police Academy** (8-week program on Police operations)  
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (except April 13)  
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (April 1 and April 29 only)  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
An application is required and there are limited openings. Apply online at: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

**May 3–May 24**  
◆ **Community Police Academy–Choices** (Program for high school juniors and seniors and parents. Provides safety education and awareness for those leaving for colleges and careers.)  
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (May 13 only)  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
An application is required and there are limited openings. Apply online at: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

**September 14–October 26**  
◆ **Community Police Academy–Spanish** (Program designed for Spanish speakers)  
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (September 30 and October 21 only)  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
An application is required and there are limited openings. Apply online at: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

**April 4 and November 14**  
◆ **Community Police Academy–Advanced** (Program for previous Citizen and Community Police Academy graduates. Two one-night sessions will focus on refresher material as well as new topics on modern policing.)  
Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
An application is required and there are limited openings reserved for previous Academy graduates. Apply online at: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

## Community Education Opportunities

**March 21 and September 12**  
◆ **High-Tech, Manufacturing, R+D and Bio-Tech Business Watch**  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
Open to all security/facility professionals from high-tech, bio-tech and all mid-size to large businesses in Mountain View. Programs will discuss current crime trends, new police programs and specialized presentations to enhance security. To enroll, visit the Department’s website at: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

**March 22**  
◆ **Downtown Business Watch Community Education Class-Security for Restaurants and Bars**  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
Designed for owners, managers and employees of restaurants and bars in Downtown Mountain View. Pre-registration is required. To register go to: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

**March 28**  
◆ **Chief’s Forum with Convenience Store Managers**  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
Open to all owners, managers and employees of convenience and liquor stores. The program will be an opportunity to meet with the Police Chief and learn techniques for preventing crime. To enroll, visit the Department’s website at: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

**March 3**  
◆ **Seniors Safety Presentations–Free of Fraud**  
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue  
Pre-registration is required. To register go to: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov) or call (650) 903-6161, ext. 1395.

**May 23**  
◆ **Chief’s Forum with Clergy**  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Mountain View Police Auditorium, 1000 Villa Street  
Join the Police Chief in a forum discussing community issues and concerns. The program will also include strategies for preventing crime. This event is open to all Mountain View clergy and clergy in adjoining cities. The program requires pre-registration. To register go to: [www.mvpd.gov](http://www.mvpd.gov).

**May 6–7**  
◆ **A La Carte and Art Event Table**  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Police Department staff will be available for child fingerprinting, crime prevention tips, and demonstrations.





# New Trees Planned Along Castro Street

Work will begin in March on the final phase of a plan to replace 170 Idaho locust trees along Castro Street in the downtown. The trees were originally planted as part of the redevelopment of the downtown area more than a decade ago. They are being replaced now because branches frequently break off in high winds and the trees are highly susceptible to aphids and require spraying with insecticidal soaps.

In May 2004, the City Council approved a recommendation by the Urban Forestry Board to replace the Idaho locusts with a mixed stand of sycamore, Chinese pistache and crape myrtle trees.

The three replacement species were chosen because they are attractive, hardy street trees that will add to the ambiance of Castro Street. Plans call for the planting of sycamore trees from the 100 to 300 blocks and in the 800 and 900 blocks of Castro Street. The 400 through 800 blocks will be planted with Chinese pistache. Crape myrtle trees will be planted as accent trees at specific locations throughout the downtown.

The project is scheduled for completion by May.

For more information, call the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273. ●

# FY 2006-07 Budget Process Underway

The City began work on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07 budget in December. The budget process will continue with public meetings throughout the spring. The City Council will consider the FY 2006-07 proposed budget at a public hearing on June 6. The final FY 2006-07 budget will be presented to the City Council for adoption on June 13.

For the past several years, both the economy and tax revenues have been in decline. During this time, the City looked for new economies and efficiencies in order to provide residents and customers with a continued high level of service, while cutting expenditures. Over the last four budget cycles, the City has made budget reductions in the General Operating Fund of \$11.6 million. This includes a net elimination of 54.5 full time equivalent positions from the General Operating Fund, and an additional 11.75 positions eliminated from other funds. These efforts have enabled Mountain View to meet its important commitments to the community, while maintaining a prudent balanced budget.

For the first time in five years, the financial health of the Mountain View appears to be improving. While this is good news for preparing the FY 2006-07 budget, the City will continue to carefully manage expenditure growth.

For more information regarding the City of Mountain View budget process or upcoming budget hearings, call the Finance and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316 or visit the City’s website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). ●

# Palo Alto Medical Foundation Construction Update

Construction of a new medical facility by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation continues on the former Emporium site at 701 El Camino Real East. The 250,000 sq. ft. project will include office and examination rooms, an urgent care center, laboratory and radiology services, an outpatient surgery center, a pharmacy, a laboratory and services for diagnostic radiology.

Plans also call for a two-level parking area, the protection of several heritage trees on the site, bike lanes, and a landing area for the Stevens Creek Trail overpass. The architectural design includes renewable resource materials, use of natural daylight and other sustainable design techniques.

Construction of the new facility is expected to be complete by early 2007. For more information about the project, call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306. ●

# Child-Care Center Project Moves Ahead

In January, the City Council chose a location next to the new Senior Center as the site for a new City-owned child-care center. Services at the site will be provided by a City-selected operator. The center will serve 104 children.

Funding for the project includes City funds as well as an investment from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

In 2003, the City Council set three primary goals for the center:

- Availability of infant care services.
- Mountain View resident priority status.
- Subsidies for low-income families.

Look in future issues of *The View* to find more information about the planning and implementation of the child-care center project.

For questions about the design of the center, contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311. Contact the City Manager’s Office at (650) 903-6301 for any other questions related to the project. ●

# New Efficiency Studios Open April 1

San Antonio Place, a new 120-unit efficiency studio housing project located at 210 San Antonio Circle is scheduled to open on April 1. The project is a joint effort between the City of Mountain View and Charities Housing, a non-profit housing developer. A grand opening celebration will be held sometime in April, after tenants have moved in.

The project will provide low-cost housing for low-income residents (people earning 15-45 percent of the County annual median income) and seniors on fixed incomes. The studio units are approximately 300 square feet. The project also has common facilities such as a community room and library/computer room to provide added living space for the residents.

Charities Housing has entered into a long-term ground lease with the City for use of the site for the housing project. Funding for the project came from a combination of State funds and Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME program funds the City allocated to the project.

Prospective tenants were selected by lottery last October. Charities Housing is currently conducting screening and background checks of prospective tenants. Persons who have lived in Mountain View for at least six months or worked in the city for at least one year, are being given preference in renting units. Because of the overwhelming number of qualified applicants, Charities Housing is not accepting applications or adding to its waitlist at this time.

For more information regarding San Antonio Place, visit the Charities Housing website at [www.charities-housing.org](http://www.charities-housing.org), call (650) 903-2258 or email [dmckinney@charitieshousing.org](mailto:dmckinney@charitieshousing.org). ●



# Mountain View Continues Top Credit Rating

The City of Mountain View has once again received an AAA credit rating by Standard and Poor’s, one of the nation’s top ranked independent credit rating agencies. Standard and Poor’s based Mountain View’s AAA rating on many factors, including a solid and diversified local tax base; very strong financial operations; written policies and reserves; low debt burden; and expectation of continued strong financial operations by the City. The rating is considered a strong endorsement of Mountain View’s financial policies and practices during a time of economic difficulties in the California economy. The AAA credit rating will result in lower fees and costs when the City issues new debt or refinances existing debt to pay for City projects.

For more information about the City’s credit rating, call the Financial and Administrative Services Department at (650) 903-6316.

**Mountain View also recently received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by the Finance Department. Fewer than 20 percent of the approximately 425 cities in the State receive the award. ●**

# Shoreline Amphitheatre Resident Ticket Policy

Mountain View residents may purchase tickets for most events at Shoreline Amphitheatre one day in advance of the general public.

To participate in the program, residents must first obtain a Resident Identification Card from the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office. Resident Identification Cards will be issued at the Amphitheatre Box Office starting in mid-April.

A full description of the resident ticket program, along with its requirements and restrictions, may be obtained at the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box Office.

Call the Shoreline Box Office at (650) 967-4040 for more information. ●

